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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRES-
IDENT FROM PERUVIAN PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ

1. FYI: TEXT OF MORALES BERMUDEZ' MESSAGE: EXCELLENCY: I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF PERU, THE WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THEIR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.

2. IN PHILADELPHIA, IN 1776, AN ILLUSTRIOUS GROUP OF THINKERS AND STATESMEN PROCLAIMED THE LOFTY AND IRREFUTABLE REASONS WHICH IMPELLED THEM TO DECLARE TO THE WORLD THEIR PEOPLE'S RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A REPUBLIC. IN SO DOING THEY CHOSE THE MOST JUST AND NOBLE REASONS, PROMISING ITS CITIZENS A DESTINY DISTINGUISHED BY RESPECT OF LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

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3. THOSE GUARANTIES MADE THE UNITED STATES THE HOPE OF HUGE

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MASSES OF HUMANITY THAT CAME TO IT AND CONTRIBUTED DE-
CISIVELY TO ITS CREATION AS THE POWERFUL NATION WHICH IS TO-
DAY ONE OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST POWERS AND A DETERMINING

FACTOR IN THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.

4. THIS HISTORICAL FACT CONFERS UPON YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
COUNTRY, AS BEARER OF THE ETHICAL VALUES OF A CULTURAL
HERITAGE BROUGHT TO THE PEAK OF ITS EFFECTIVE MATERIAL
POTENTIAL, THE DUTY OF ACCEPTING THE HONORABLE AND UN-
ALTERABLE TASK OF PLACING AT THE SERVICE OF MANKIND ALL ITS
IMMENSE CAPITAL OF SCIENCE AND WEALTH, IN THE REALIZATION
THAT SECURITY CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN A HARMONIOUS AND GENERAL
WELL-BEING, WITHOUT WHICH ONLY DARKEST DESPAIR WILL
DOMINATE THE ALREADY DIFFICULT SPHERE OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS.

5. IN THE HARD STRUGGLE THAT PERU IS PRESENTLY WAGING WITH
CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE THUS FAR CHARACTERIZED ITS SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC SITUATION, IN THE TASK IT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO
CHANGE THAT SITUATION SUBSTANTIALLY AND DEFINITIVELY, AND
IN THE SACRIFICES IT MUST ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RESOLVE ITS
HISTORIC PROBLEMS, MY PEOPLE AND MY GOVERNMENT ARE CERTAIN
THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL OFFER POSITIVE COOPERATION
AND SUPPORT. NOTHING CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY MY
COUNTRY IS ALIEN TO THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES WHICH ANIMATED
THE GREAT NATION OF THE UNITED STATES AT ITS ORIGIN AND
HAVE GOVERNED ITS COURSE THROUGH HISTORY. PEACE, RESPECT
FOR LIFE, AND HAPPINESS ARE OUR COMMON GOALS AND THEY
OBLIGE US TO OVERCOME MISUNDERSTANDING AND TO RESPECT
MUTUALLY THE JUST INTERESTS OF BOTH NATIONS.

6. IN RENEWING AT THIS TIME OF AMERICAN REJOICING MY
WISHES FOR THE CONTINUING WELL-BEING OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, I EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF
MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.END FYI.

7. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DE-
LIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT:

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8. ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I JOIN
IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S
INDEPENDENCE.

9. IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
NOT ONLY MARK THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST,
BUT ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM,

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DIGNITY AND EQUALITY.

10. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD THE IMPORTANT GOALS OUR NATIONS SHARE.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
11. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

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